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FOL SENT ACTION TO SECSTATE MANILA INFO SINGAPORE CINCPAC REP
GUAM MAY 24, 1975 FROM SEOUL

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SUBJECT: PURPORTED KOREAN VESSEL WIN KWATT

REF: MANILA 6888

1. MOFA ASIAN AFFAIRS BUREAU DIRECTOR O CHAE-HUI TOLD
POLCOUNS MAY 23 THAT TUG WIN KWATT, WHICH PUT INTO SUBIC
MAY 17 WITH 103 VIETNAMESE REFUGEES ABOARD, WAS NOT, IN
FACT, KOREAN FLAG VESSEL. O SAID THAT, ACCORDING TO MOFA
INFORMATION, VESSEL HAD ORIGINALLY BEEN LENT BY AID OR SOME
OTHER USG AGENCY TO VIETNAM, WHERE IT WAS BEING OPERATED BY
JOINT KOREAN/VIETNAMESE ENTERPRISE. WHEN EVACUATION
UNDERWAY, KOREAN CREW TOOK OVER SHIP AND SAILED IT FROM
VIETNAM. O SAID THAT IT HAD WARNED CREW THROUGH ROK EMBASSY
IN MANILA NOT TO SELL SHIP SINCE TITLE TO IT WAS UNCLEAR.

COMMENT: O'S STORY COULD BE AIMED AT AVOIDING
IMPRESSION THAT ROKG HAD MADE SWIFT DEAL ON SHIP TO
AVOID RESPONSIBILITY FOR REFUGEES. FACTS, HOWEVER, MAY
BE AS DESCRIBED ABOVE, AND ACTION ADDRESSEES MIGHT WANT
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TO DO SOME FURTHER CHECKING.

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